

and §§ 355.22(h) and 355.25(d) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: June 10, 1997.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061097E]

#### Endangered Species; Permits

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of a request to modify permit 962 (P509B).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Carlos Diez and Robert van Dam, Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (P509B) have applied in due form to modify Permit 962. This permit authorizes the take of listed sea turtles for the purpose of scientific research, subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the request to extend Permit 962 must be received on or before July 17, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The applications, permits, and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401);

or

Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813-893-3141).

Written comments, or requests for a public hearing on the request to modify Permit 962 should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Carlos Diez and Robert van Dam request a modification to permit 962, under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

The permit currently authorizes the hand capture of 200 listed hawksbill sea turtles (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and 20 listed green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*)

annually, to be examined, photographed, measured, and tagged. The research is currently authorized in the waters surrounding Mona and Monito Islands, PR. Some of the turtles may be lavaged, have blood or scute samples taken, or have time-depth recorders attached. The goal of the research is to provide information on the ecology and population dynamics of the hawksbill.

The permittee's have requested the following modifications to their permit: 1) an increase in the level of take of hawksbill turtles to a total of 300 annually; 2) an increase in the level of take of green turtles to a total of 100 annually; 3) authorization to net capture green turtles; 4) authorization to include the Puerto Rican Islands of Culebra, Vieques, Desecheo, and Caja de Muertos in the study area; 5) authorization to collect up to 10 cc's of blood from all turtles taken under the authority of this permit for genetic analysis and sex determination; and 6) authorization to include Teresa Tellevast, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as an agent under this permit. The increase in take and additional survey locations will provide additional information on the ecology and population dynamics of hawksbill and green turtles in Puerto Rican waters.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on the request to modify Permit 962 should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in these permit summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: June 11, 1997.

**Nancy Chu,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Apparel Produced or Manufactured in the Philippines

June 11, 1997.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting import limits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 18, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing, special shift, carryover, carryforward, carryforward used and recrediting of unused carryforward.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the **CORRELATION:** Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 61 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Also see 61 FR 64507, published on December 5, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

**D. Michael Hutchinson,**

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

June 11, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs,  
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 29, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel, produced or manufactured in the Philippines and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 1997.

Effective on June 18, 1997, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, pursuant to the Uruguay Round